

APRIL 2015

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES



Wednesday, April 1, 2015

8:00 a.m. Hike – Eagle Rock

6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson for a hike through an oak forest into a beautiful meadow along the Pacific Crest Trail. Plan to snack at the Eagle Rock before returning to the starting point. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water for this 7-mile round-trip hike. Meet at the Visitor Center Parking Lot.

8:30 a.m. Hike – Pena Spring Hike

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a walkabout in the transition habitat of Culp Valley and experience Pena Spring and its associated riparian area. Then follow a section of the Riding and Hiking Trail to an outstanding overlook before looping back to the start. Meet at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate.

10:00 a.m. April Fools' Day "Nature" Hike

1 Hour



Join "Professor Itchy Scratchy" (Ranger Steve) on this irreverent one-mile tour of the strange and wondrous "wildlife" in the Park. Be ready to have your funny bone tickled! Please bring binoculars, water, your sense of humor and dress for cactus country. Meet in the Visitor Center Parking Lot. Donations will benefit ABF's Camp Borrego. No advance registration needed. Call 760-767-0446 Ext. 1003 for details.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Petals, Leaves, and Pollen

1 Hour

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter in the Visitor Center Garden for an imaginative and satisfying exploration of flowers and how to put names to all those confusing blooms. No nomenclature expertise is needed!

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Mountain Lion/Big Horn Sheep

2 Hours ongoing

Join Volunteer Naturalist Aleese Golding for an informal cart presentation in the Garden.

2:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Cosmic Recycling: Geological Highlights of the Anza-Borrego Region

1 Hour

Southern California has a rich and varied geological history. Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian will relate some of the fascinating local lore and how it ties into the larger picture. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

4:00 p.m. Hike – Lute Fault

3 Hours

Earthquake geology, local history and desert plant life will be the focus of this hike. Meet Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian at the call box across from Thimble Trail on S-22 at Mile Marker 31.9. Bring water and sturdy shoes for this 2-3 mile roundtrip hike on uneven ground.

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Thursday, April 2, 2015

8:30 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

5-6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and explore the sandstone canyon country around the Calcite Mine. You will follow the Middle Fork of Palm Wash up over some small dry falls to a slot canyon, check out the mine, and see a demonstration of calcite's interesting optical properties. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, mile marker 38.1, east on Highway S-22. Parking is available on both sides of the highway. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderately strenuous.



11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ -Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist for a sensory exploration of the desert in words and color that will nourish your connection with the rugged beauty of the desert. You'll be surprised how much keener and richer your desert observations will be after this hands-on experience. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. We'll move inside if temperatures rise.

4:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Moon Features Come Alive

45 Minutes

Have you wondered what the "Man in the Moon" really is? Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for this interactive program to discern the features of the Moon in preparation for tonight's Moon Viewing. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

5:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5-6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). Limited to 15 participants –must sign-up at the Visitor Center and include phone number to receive meeting info. Moderately strenuous.

5:30 p.m. Talk ♿ - Moon Viewing

1.5 Hours

Meet Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter on the roof of the Visitor Center to watch the moon rise and view it through binoculars and telescope. We'll pick out the various features of the moon's face. Bring binoculars if you have them, and a lawn chair if you like.



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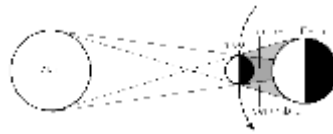


Friday, April 3, 2015

8:30 a.m. Hike – Big Spring Ramble

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian to discover an oasis in the transition zone and see what's blooming. Meet at the pullout at mile 11.3 on highway S-22 for an easy-paced walk to Big Spring in Tubb Canyon. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderate.



Friday, April 3, 2015

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Eclipse!

45 minutes

Be prepared for tomorrow morning's Lunar Eclipse, and learn more about Earth's nearest neighbor, the Moon—why there are phases, eclipses, etc. *Meet in the Discovery Lab.*

2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers: Eclipse!

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

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Meet Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter on the roof of the Visitor Center to view the moon through binoculars and telescope. We'll pick out the various features of the moon's face. If time and interest permits, we'll tour other night-sky objects. Bring binoculars if you have them, and a lawn chair if you like.

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8:30 a.m. Hike – Harper Cabin/Pinyon Wash

6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous hike to Harper Flat, the cabin, and the Pinyon drop-off. The terrain is generally even, but the hike is about 7 miles. Wear sturdy footwear; bring water and a light lunch. Four-wheel drive required, but we'll car-pool up the jeep road. Meet at the junction of State Highway 78 and Pinyon Wash (about 4 miles east of Tamarisk Grove).

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Solve The Desert Water Puzzle: Hands On

10 Minutes

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2:00 p.m. – ♿ Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

Sunday, April 5, 2015

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

The seldom seen, endangered elephant tree survives in only a few scattered and isolated spots in California. Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier at the Visitor Center to find out how to identify these distinctive trees, hear why Native Americans valued the trees, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds "in the wild".

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ Touch! Don't Touch: Sharing the Desert With Young Children. 45 Minutes

Parents and Grandparents, come along with your young children up to age 7 to explore the desert together with Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter. Hear an inspiring story that teaches children how to safely and carefully touch the plants, rocks, and sand to awaken a sense of wonder. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center Garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover some of the unique strategies that help plants survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

6:00 p.m. Walk ♿ -Let's Be "Crepuscular"!

1 Hour

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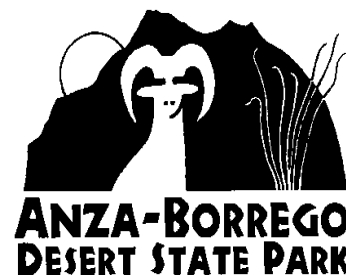
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Sunday, April 5, 2015 (continued)

7:30 p.m. Talk ♿ – Enjoy Anza-Borrego’s Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours

April nights are perfect for Stargazing at the Visitor Center! Explore constellations, search for planets, and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, binoculars if you have them (you’ll be amazed at the view!), and flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing if weather permits. Meet on the roof of the Visitor Center.

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

9:00 a.m. Hike – Cool Canyon

4 Hours

Join Paul Larson on a cool trip up Cool Canyon. We’ll hike up many dry falls in the higher country where the flora is different from that of the desert floor. Meet at the intersection of County Highway S-2 and the first dirt road to the west, south of the Park boundary sign just beyond Shelter Valley. Four-wheel drive is not required. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

8:30 a.m. Hike – Pinyon Ridge

7 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous (approx 6-9 miles) in the higher country with some great views and wildflowers. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack and plenty of water as this is a fairly strenuous hike. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot. Four-wheel-drive (or all-wheel drive) is mandatory with some carpooling available.

11:00 a.m. Talk/Walk - Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

1 Hour

If you’ve always wanted to learn about birds but thought it’s too complicated and only for birding experts, you’ll enjoy this simple way of appreciating the birds! Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab for this hands-on discovery session and get a close look at birds in and around the Visitor Center. For bird lovers 8 and up with no previous birding experience necessary. Bring binoculars if you have them.

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1 Hour

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Friday, April 10, 2015

8:00 a.m. Hike – Eagle Rock

7 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ann Keenan and Celeste Doughty for an 8-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail starting at Warner Springs. We plan to lunch at Eagle Rock. The decision to make it a one-way through-hike (Barrel Springs to Warner Springs, requires a vehicle shuttle) or an out-and-back from Barrel Springs will be made on the morning of the hike by the group. Meet at the Visitor Center upper parking lot. This hike is limited to 12 participants; sign up at the Visitor Center.

9:15 a.m. Talk♿ - Fossil Clues to Pleistocene Climate

3 Hours

Join the Paleontology Society for their monthly lecture series presented by Dr. Lyn Murray. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ -Solve The Desert Water Puzzle: Hands On

2 Hours

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3:00 p.m. Talk♿ - Geology for Creative Thinkers

1 Hour

Explore the basic rock types found in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the geologic processes that shaped them in a fun, hands-on way that makes Geology come alive! Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter at the Park Visitor Center for a rockin' good time with rocks! No previous geology vocabulary necessary.

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Saturday, April 11, 2015

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

Sunday, April 12, 2015

8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalists in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalists Jan and Mike Bigelow will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for them in their volunteer vests as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.



Desert Bighorn Sheep

- ☐ Bighorn sheep can drink 2 gallons of water in a minute and up to 5 gallons in one watering session.
- ☐ Bighorn sheep can get water from tough desert plants.
- ☐ Bighorn sheep stay cool by seeking shade. Sheep hide changes from brown to tan from winter to summer.
- ☐ Bighorn sheep can withstand a body temperature of 107° F.

Please help us protect our Desert Bighorn Sheep. Keep quiet and keep your distance!

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12th Annual Archaeology Weekend

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center
Borrego Springs, California April 11-12, 2015 Free Admission

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Events

- 9 - 4:30 **Silent Auction** at the Begole Archaeological Research Center. Bidding closes at 4:30 pm.
Winning bids announced at 5:00 pm. (Winners need not be present)
- 9:30 - 4 **Guided Tours of the Archaeology Lab.** Conducted by Colorado Desert Archaeology Society volunteers.
Groups depart from the Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour.
- 10-4:00 **Native American Basket and Pottery Display** (Craft items for sale)
- Pottery Making Demonstration and Kids' Activities** - Includes clay grinding with paddle and anvil construction techniques. By CDAS Archaeology volunteers. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)
- Demonstration Table on Uses of Native Plants for Food, Medicine and Construction by the Kumeyaay Tribes of San Diego County & Baja California**
- Pictograph Stories** – Students of all ages will look at pictographs and then try to decode the pictograph story. They will then create their own story on a rock to take home. In the Nierenberg Plaza. By Ranger LuAnn.
- 4:30-5:30 **Free Ice Cream Social.** Ice cream sundaes and root beer floats. Announcement of Silent Auction winning bids at 5:00 in the Patio Area, Begole Archaeological Research Center.

Presentations

- 10 – 11 **Rock Art – Cultural Stories from Around the World. The views from other places.** By Robin Connors, Archaeologist – Colorado Desert District and Joan Schneider, PhD - Colorado Desert District, Associate State Archaeologist, Retired.
- 11- 12 **Rock Art in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park & beyond.** The four different rock art styles and traditions within the Park will reviewed. By Ken Hedges, San Diego Rock Art & American Rock Art Research Associations.
- 1 – 2 **Envisioning Rock Art through the Lens of Ethnography.** This presentation will encourage the viewing of rock art from many different perspectives. By Richard Carrico – Professor of American Indian Studies at San Diego State University.
- 2 – 3 **The Counsel Rocks Site: An Alternative Interpretation** – This presentation explores possible interpretations of the site based upon 30 years of research. By Archaeologist John P Hale, PhD – Copper Mountain College.
- 3 – 4 **Rock Art Forum** – Open discussion of regional rock art culture by archaeologists and rock art experts.

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By CDAS Archaeology volunteers. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)

Demonstration Table on Uses of Native Plants for Food, Medicine & Construction by the Kumeyaay Tribes of San Diego County & Baja California.

Presentations

10-11 **From a Ranger's Point of View: Working Together Towards Protecting our Cultural Heritages- A Historical Perspective.** By Ranger Steve Bier (This program is especially for KIDS & their parents)

11-12 **Talking Stone – Rock Art Of The Cosos.** This film explores the largest concentration of rock art in North America. By Dr. Alan P. Garfinkel Gold, Ph.D.

Field Trips

8:30- 1:00 **Clark Lake Petroglyphs:** This is a moderate hike of approximately 3 miles round trip to visit the Clark Lake Petroglyph Site. The hike across the desert floor crosses the braided wash system which flows out of Rockhouse Canyon. The petroglyphs are associated with the Cahuilla People and were pecked into the heavy desert-varnished boulders at the north end of Clark Lake. The trip will depart from the Pegleg Monument at 8:30 AM and will return by 12:30-1:00 PM. 4WD is necessary for this trip. (Limited to 15 people - \$5.00 fee)
Trip led by CDAS volunteer, Chuck Bennett.

8:00- 4:00

Indian Hill Rock Art Shelter: Join CDD Archaeologist Robin Connors and CDAS Volunteer Don Endicott to visit one of the most iconic of the Park's many cultural sites. We will hike a little over a mile to Indian Hill. Learn about the prehistoric People who lived here and see the display of pictographs in an adjoining shelter. Meet at the entrance to Morteros Wash at the kiosk sign along Hwy S-2 at 9:30 a.m. Cars will also leave from the Visitor Center's back parking lot at 8:00 a.m. High clearance 4-Wheel drive is needed. We will carpool from the meeting place entrance at Morteros Wash. Bring lunch, a gallon of water, hat, comfortable hiking shoes. We expect to return by 4 p.m. to interpretive sign at entrance to the wash. This is an all-day trip. Hike is on moderately level sandy surface. Limited to 20 people. \$5.00 fee. Pre-registration required.

Pre-registration and \$5.00 fee required for both the Clark Lake Petroglyphs & Indian Hill Rock Art Shelter. For detailed information and reservations call ABF at 760-767-0446 ext 1003. During Archaeology Weekend: Check for last-minute field trip openings at the CDAS table in front of the Visitor's Center. Wear hiking shoes and bring hat and water.

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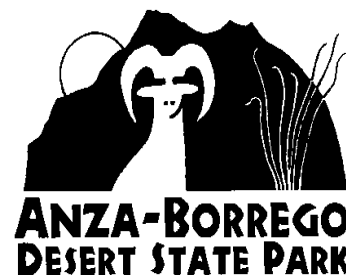
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10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – The Beetles and the Bees

1.5 Hours

Jeff Price, bug specialist, will take a look into the hidden lives of those who pollinate, protect and pilfer from our desert plants. This presentation will be in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center at the monthly meeting of the State Park Botany Society. The public is welcome, and there is no admission charge.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

9:00 a.m. Hike – Pictographs – What Were They Trying to Say?

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund on a moderate 3-mile roundtrip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at some interesting plants, morteros and rock art. Meet at the entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45 minute drive from the Visitor Center.

Friday, April 17, 2015

2:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Hardy Desert Survivors

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker for a power point program in the Discovery Lab as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors- the desert plants and discusses how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. If the weather is too hot, Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

Saturday, April 18, 2015

10:00 a.m. – Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego's Elusive Mountain Lion

45 Minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Endicott for a 45-minute multi-media introduction to the natural history of the Park's seldom seen apex predator. Don's talk will describe the amazing attributes and signature behaviors of our big cats, show how relationships between Mountain Lions and people changed over time, and outline their key contributions to a healthy wilderness environment.

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - The Pollen Path: Seasonal Movements of Native Americans

1 Hour

Discover the amazing secrets of the Native Americans who lived in the area that is now Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Join Volunteer Naturalist Steve Russell in an exciting journey through the past as we take a look at how early residents migrated to take advantage of different food supplies.

3:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Drug Store

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. This is an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden.

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12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the ‘Ehmuu Morteros 2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Kumeyaay Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, about 3 miles off Highway S-2 on a dirt road (turn into Blair Valley near Mile Marker 23).

Monday, April 20, 2015

8:00 a.m. Hike - Badlands Bench with a View

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate 2 ½ mile hike up a badlands wash to a memorial bench with a marvelous view. Learn about some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the intersection of Inspiration Wash and S-22 by driving east on S-22 past Mile Marker 28 for 1/2 mile.

Thursday, April 23, 2015

2:00 p.m. Talk – Thieves of Time

1 Hour

Come enjoy a documentary film with an introduction by Tony Hillerman, who tells the story of how legal protections for cultural resources came to be enacted. He traces the evolution of widespread collecting of artifacts and looting which over time erased much of our history of Native Peoples. Feel free to stay for the CDAS monthly meeting held in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

Saturday, April 25, 2015

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

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Saturday, April 25, 2015 (continued)

11:00 a.m. Talk♿ - The Pollen Path: Seasonal Movements of Native Americans 1 Hour

Discover the amazing secrets of the Native Americans who lived in the area that is now Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Join Volunteer Naturalist Steve Russell in an exciting journey through the past as we take a look at how early residents migrated to take advantage of different food supplies.

12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the ‘Ehmuu Morteros 2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Kumeyaay Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, about 3 miles off Highway S-2 on a dirt road (turn into Blair Valley near mile marker 23).

2:00 p.m. Talk♿ – Hardy Desert Survivors 45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker for a power point program in the Discovery Lab as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors- the desert plants and discusses how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine.

Sunday, April 26, 2015

10:00 a.m. Talk♿ -Ancient Kitchens: The Original Granite Countertops of ABDSP 40 Minutes

Join Archaeology Volunteer and Naturalist Susan Gilliland and discover how to recognize and where to experience these beautiful food preparation sites scattered throughout the park.

2:00 p.m. Walk♿ – Those Amazing Desert Plants! 1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover some of the unique strategies that help plants survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

8:00 a.m. Hike – Little Surprise Canyon to Culp Valley 4-5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson on this moderately strenuous 6-mile hike from the desert floor to the chaparral at about 3,600 feet to observe the changes in the plant communities. We will car shuttle for the descent. Meet at the Hellhole Canyon Parking Lot on S-22, 0.7 miles west of the junction with Palm Canyon Drive. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes.

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

1:00 p.m. Talk – Mountain Lion/Big Horn Sheep 2 Hours ongoing

Join Volunteer Naturalist Aleese Golding for an informal cart presentation in the Visitor Center Garden.

UNLESS NOTED, ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND HELD AT THE VISITOR CENTER
(OCTOBER THROUGH MAY, OPEN EVERY DAY 9 AM to 5 PM. OPEN SAT-SUN ONLY JUNE-SEPTEMBER)

♿ DENOTES PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED

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DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON TRAILS OR TOURS.